74 Leith Mans.
Granbury Road.
Maida Vale
London W. 21.

Dear Mr White

Thankyou for your letter, enclosed find coins as follows:-

1 New England 1652.
2 " " 1652
3 [illegible] 1[illegible]
4 " 1801.
5 St Patrick. 1/4d.
6 Woods Hib. 1124
7. Canada 1820
8 " 1840.

There are quite a few others I have, will sort them out when I have time.

Yours sincerely
[illegible]

41, Fenton Road,
Southbourne.
Bournemouth. Hants.

6th April, 1962.

Dear Miss Block:

Our letters have crossed, so am replying immediately upon receiving the coins from you. Would like to say at the outset that I have never seen either of the two Massachusetts Shillings of this type before, but would inform you that they are known as "Wyatt copies", and so I regret that I do not think they have any real numismatic value. I would be very interested to learn who it was that valued these items for you two years ago. What is most striking about them is that they are both from the same pair of dies, and this would be practically impossible to obtain in view of their long period of issue. One shows more than the other that it has been cast, which of course the originals were not, they were hand-struck, and so have an entirely different appearance. I am checking on all this and will gladly inform you of the result within 3 days or so, would have paid you immediately for them if they had been genuine originals, but am sure you would wish that anyone who purchased them from you was completely satisfied as to their authenticity. Only one other coin you have kindly sent would be of interest for my collection; this is the St.Patricks' Farthing, which altho a little worn is still nice, for this I would offer you £3.10.0d. Kindly let me know if you located the other two Massachusetts pieces, as would also like to compare these. Assuring you of my best intentions and guidance in this matter, I remain, yours most sincerely,

Gordon White. A.N.A.

74 Leith Mans
Maida Vale
W.9.

Dear Mr White,

I am a little mystified by your letter. A note on the valuation sheet says "From same rusty dies" nothing about casting or Wyatt. I found all the 5, two I have sold, I have enclosed the other one. If unacceptable please return by reg post as I have somebody very interested in all 3. If you buy I will accept the £3/10/- otherwise if not buying the 3 of England pieces please return. Yrs sincerely

[illegible]

41, Fenton Road,
Tel: Bournemouth 43596.
Southbourne. Bournemouth.
H A N T S.

10th April, 1962.

Dear Miss Block:

Thank you very much indeed for your further letter and for enclosing another Massachusetts piece. It has now been confirmed that all three are Electrotype copies by Wyatt which were made about 100 years ago. You see, they are all identical in every way, only that one or two were made on a smaller flan, the lettering is exactly the same if you examine them closely; this alone would make it impossible for them to be the genuine originals, but apart from this they are well-known to numismatists, as copies of the rare originals. All of your coins are enclosed herewith as requested, and perhaps by now you have received confirmation on these "Oak Tree" coins from some other collectors?, if not, feel sure you will!. However, am pleased to inform you that they still have some value and interest to a collector, and am prepared to offer you £10.10.0d each for these pieces, but that would be the maximum.

Hoping that I shall be able to purchase something from you later, and assuring you of my interest still in the St. Patricks Farthing as well as the 1872 Cent.

Yours most sincerely,

Gordon White. A.N.A.

Certificate of Posting The undermentioned postal packet has been registered and posted here this day. (Ordinary postage ..... s. ..... d. if parcel)

Regn. No. 9492 Regn. fee paid MINIMUM (1s. 6d.) 2 s. 12 d.

Date Stamp

Miss Jane Block
London W 9

BOURNEMOUTH 2 11 AP 62 HANTS.

Accepting Officer's Initials BJ

FOR REGULATIONS SEE OVER

74 Leith Mans
Grantully Road
W.9.

Dear Mr White

Enclosed find 3 coins, I will accept your of if you assure me that you are correct in what you say but would say that I thought electrotype were made of copper, I have noted your remarks but feel sure that if you compare the letters you will find the size and thickness varies meaning they are all different however I am no expert + you are — but perhaps you would examine them carefully again and if wrong could pay me a better price for them. Looking

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forward to your reply

Yours Truly

Jane Black

P.S. Would appreciate cash or postal order I can change at Post Office

JB

41, Fenton Road,
Tel: Bournemouth 43596.
Southbourne. Bournemouth.
H A N T S.

16th April, 1962.

Dear Miss Block:

My most sincere apologies for not having been able to reply to your most welcome letter of the 12th April before this; reason being that we have had friends down here for the week-end, and so "coins" have had to take second place.

I much appreciate your sending the three Massachusetts pieces back to me, and take pleasure in enclosing herewith cash to the value of £31.10.0d for these. Can assure you that they are all most definitely copies, made approximately 100 years ago by Wyatt; they can most certainly be traced as having been struck from one pair of dies only, as whilst they vary slightly in size and shape, this is accounted for by either a smaller or larger planchet being made, also, the lettering is identical in every way, it would be quite impossible to obtain three of the original coins from the same pair of dies as literally hundreds of pairs of differing dies were used to strike these coins over a period of not less than thirty years. Am quite positive they are copies, as such are well known, they differ considerably too in appearance from my own specimen of the original "large planchet" type which I have compared very closely with these pieces of yours. However, am glad that I can offer you a good price for them just the same.

You did not enclose the St. Patricks' farthing, although you promised this to me if I bought these coins from you, should

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Miss J Block
London W9

Date Stamp

Accepting Officer's Initials ..... FOR REGULATIONS SEE OVER

you still have this one would much appreciate having this at £3.10.0d. Also, the 1872 Cent, which I have asked for previously.

Looking at this weeks "Exchange and Mart" I see that you are advertising one or two of the scarcer Canadian coins; there are just two that would appeal to me, although at slightly less than the prices which you are asking, which are terribly high for these, they are :-

Newfoundland, 1 cent, 1885, UNC.

Canada, 20 cents, 1858, E.F.

might I also have these for examination please?, perhaps you will kindly state the lowest you would take for each, or may I make an offer to you?.

Should you have any further coins, whether Foreign or Old English, silver or gold, then I would greatly value your offers.

With all good wishes and many thanks for being so considerate towards me.

Yours most sincerely,

Gordon White. A.N.A.

GORDON WHITE,
A.N.A., C.N.A.

TEL. BOURNEMOUTH 43596
CABLE ADDRESS:
"WESTCOIN," BOURNEMOUTH
ENGLAND

41, Fenton Road,
Southbourne,
Bournemouth,
Hants.
England.

20th May, 1963.

Dear Mr Vaskas:

Your very welcome letter was received a few days ago, thank you, since reading the article in the May "Numismatist" and the re-joinder by Eric P. Newman thought that it best to get my Wife to search out the earlier correspondence on these "Oak Tree" coins, which she has now done, and you will see that I have enclosed all of this for your examination, and will be glad if you will also show these letters to Mr Newman. You will also note that I have sent a letter to Miss Jane Block from whom I bought these copies last year, (you now have the exact date) and mentioned in these letters is the date of another advertisement of hers in the "Exchange & Mart", (this time Canadian items) which I did not buy, as she never replied to me again, nor did I ever get the St. Patricks farthing from here as it was sent back although know this was genuine, the only items I did buy were the three copies. I did not send Mr. Patten one of these coins, but he may remember seeing my original "Pine Tree" Shilling, large planchet, when he visited me one day two years ago, perhaps he is getting confused with this?. I do know my friend in America said he would destroy the other coin I sent him, but cannot say whether he carried this out or not, will ask him when I write again, should imagine he still has it though, again, he bought it from me as it was he who told me to buy them, and to offer $30.00 each for them, he offered to take all three after we found out that all were fakes, but I did not wish to push them on to him and said that taking one would suit me, you took the other two!. Will let you know if Miss Block answers me, but will not be surprised if she doesnt, however, am hoping she will. Will keep a good look-out for the coins you mention, but have nothing further to offer you at present. By the way, please inform Mr. Newman that my statement, paragraph four in the "Numismatist" should read: "No-one wishes to buy a very rare coin - only to find that it is an electro,"- words underlined were ~~mssied~~ from my letter.

This is correct. The words were written in. Ed.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,

NET PAID CIRCULATION DAILY OVER 150,000 SUNDAY OVER 100,000

WORCESTER TELEGRAM - The Evening Gazette - SUNDAY TELEGRAM

WORCESTER 1, MASSACHUSETTS

OWNERS OF RADIO STATIONS WTAG AND WTAG FM

RICHARD C. STEELE
PUBLISHER

Aug.23,1962

Dear Mr.Newman;

PROGRESS REPORT

Well, you were correct. Those old papers are full of interesting items. I shudder when I compare their "news" stories to those of oday.

But, after approx. 12 hours, still no Brasher mention found. I went through from June to the middle of December, just checking heads, and the larger items, in case the item was featured.

Now I've started again, reading practically every column for the shorter pieces, and fillers. Am now through the middle of July. You're sure all this happened a hundred years after Brasher started his operations?

By the way, I have a Mass.Pine Tree Shilling which I would like you to check for me, please.

A dealer in England purchased it and thinks it is an electro, but I can't be sure.

If it's o.k. with you I'll mail it along for examination. Well, back to the files....

E.J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

August 31, 1962

Mr. B. J.Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vaskas:

I am delighted you have started checking the Boston Transcript and only hope that you will find the Brasher item soon. My thoughts are with you in your hours of research. I am sure you will come up smiling.

I will be glad to check any Pine Tree shilling you want to send for my examination.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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[illegible]

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September 7, 1962

Mr. [illegible] Tilton
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

Dear Mr. Tilton:

Thank you to you for your letter of the 7th [illegible] which, unfortunately, has taken time for me to answer due to the vacation of my secretary.

First of all may I say - and I think you will be interested to hear this - that the code forwarded is not an [illegible] at all but a genuine oak tree drilling. However, it [illegible] a [illegible] which [illegible] to Walter Dreyer and he said that it was classified somewhere between Box 4 and 5. With the above information, would the principal be interested in selling [illegible], and if so, at what price? In the event that we can not get together on a deal, would your principal [illegible] to have a photograph of the [illegible] we would like to do this because of his interest in [illegible] education.

[illegible] forward [illegible] from [illegible]

Sincerely,

[illegible] ENTERPRISES CO., INC.

Charles M. Worcester
President

[illegible]

Sept.18,1962

Dear Mr. Wormser;

Let John Ford photograph the Oak Tree Shilling.

I have consummated a transaction on this coin, and am now the sole owner. It will be an honor and my pleasure to have this piece take its place in numismatics, possibly advancing knowledge in this field another iota.

Naturally, I would appreciate any and all information gathered together on this new classification. This will be for my own files, and, speaking as a newspaperman-coin editor, for my column and news items.

Now, speaking as a collector, you can appreciate my hesitation in disposing so quickly of this unusual specimen.

I'm only too glad to have it properly listed, but as for selling it at the present time - I would rather not.

If any of you can approximate its price, tho, I will certainly check with you first when the time comes for a sale...

By the way, is the reverse a familiar one? It wasn't mentioned in your last letter.

Now, for whoever is doing the research on this coin, I have additional information.

It seems there were three such pieces in the original "hoard" which were found in England. All seem to be from the same pair of dies, although on three different size flans, so that lettering that appears clear on one, appears to be half missing from another. I have one other specimen, the best example of the trio. The third I am still tracing.

If you would care to examine this slightly larger piece, let me know. It would be nice to have then both returned as soon as possible after examination and classification.

Cordially,

E.J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester, Mass.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

December 15, 1[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Should you ever wish to discuss [illegible] or either of the two others, we would like to hear from you.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

NET PAID CIRCULATION: DAILY OVER [illegible] SUNDAY OVER [illegible]

WORCESTER TELEGRAM - The Evening Gazette - SUNDAY TELEGRAM

WORCESTER 1, MASSACHUSETTS

OWNERS OF RADIO STATIONS WTAG AND WTAG FM

RICHARD C. STEELE PUBLISHER

Oct.10,1962

Dear Mr. Newman;

I wanted to wait until I found that item on Brasher before sending you the enclosed Oak Tree Shilling.

But I've gone thru Sept.28,1886, with no success. I expect to take a vacation next week so it's possible I will get into December. If I find anything I'll send it along in the next mail.

In the meanwhile, this is the specimen I wrote you about, which you said you would like to examine.

I was told it was a fake, but it "rings true"to me. Seems like it's between Noe 14 and 15. See what you can make out of it.

Thanks for <u>your</u> help. Cordially,

E.J.Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

p.s.
Whitman sent the 1804 Dollar Bk. Review will follow soon.

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FABRICATION OD(a)

FABRICATION OD(b)

GENUINE CROSBY 2-D; NOE 5

MASSACHVSETTS

NEW ENGLAND
XII
1652

MASATHVSET

NEWENGLAND
1652
XII

COPY

COPY

Edmund J Vaskas

false price

1962

NEWENGLAND
1662
XII

NEWENGL
1652
XII

OWNER: E. J. VASKAS, WORCESTER. EXAMINED OCTOBER,1962

COPY OF OAK TREE SHILLING

Wt.72 grains Sp. gr. 9.6 Silver

Uniformily hammered surface. Perfectly centered on both sides. Die struck. Outer ring of dots on obverse shows slightly at top. The letters are all cut crudely but very uniformly and copy each stroke of Noe 5. EXCELLENT COPY OF NOE 5 (Obv. & rev.).

Obverse deviations:

1. Roots omitted.
2. The diagonal on N in IN joins the right serif of N instead of the right upright of N above the base.
3. Dots in inner ring under M are out of line with those under Adjacent A instead of being in line.
4. Angular instead of circular form in ring of dots under left base of third S.

Reverse deviations:

1. Horizontal oval dash instead of circular stop between M and adjacent N.

2. Upright of G below midheight instead of far above it.

3. Heavy dot in inner ring next to left bottom corner of X instead of normal dot.

4. No trace of die break at 3 or 4 o'clock even though this break occurred on Noe 4 before the reverse was used for a Noe 5 combination.

Obverse and reverse offset 180° .

ERIC P.NEWMAN

10/22/62

October 22, 1962

Mr. E.J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vaskas:

I hope that by now you have gone through a little more of the Boston Transcript and, naturally, I am disappointed you have not located the Brasher article to date. I certainly have had similar experiences but then the satisfaction that comes from finding the item is sensational.

I am enclosing information concerning your Oak Tree shilling and will return the coin as soon as I have photographed it.

I look forward to receiving your book review on the 1804 Dollar.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 29, 1962

Mr. E. J. Vaskas
Telegram and Gazette
20 Franklin Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vaskas:

I am returning herewith your Oak Tree shilling copy with a poor photograph of it. What I would like to know, now, is where in the world you obtained this piece.

It is sincerely a dangerous counterfeit and if it were not so good a copy of a genuine piece it would be much harder to distinguish.

Please cut me in on this mystery.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Dear Mr. [illegible]; Nov. 3,1963

I am only too happy to fill you in on the background information I have on the Oak Tree shilling copy you examined. It should be publicized that these pieces are being faked. I mentioned it in my column of Aug. 3, but that is only local.

Since I wasn't positive whether it was a fake or not, I couldn't give it national coverage. Perhaps you would want to do something on it later.

I first heard about this shilling back in June, 1963, when a dealer in England wrote me about three Oak Tree shillings he purchased.

It seems some lady over there advertised these pieces for sale, along with a St. Patrick farthing. She told him they had been left to her.

When he received the shillings, which she said had been valued at more than $70 each a few years ago in London, he was suspicious.

It seemed to him that they were electros and "quite obviously from the same die, although struck slightly differently, some being on a smaller flan than the others, one being much sharper than the other two."

I obtained the sharp one, and soon after was sent another, smaller coin. The third had already been sold to another collector, in this country.

The larger piece I sent to a well-known numismatic house for examination. I was told that "the coin forwarded is not an electrotype at all but a genuine oak tree shilling," and it was classified somewhere between Nos 4 and 5!! Your examination proved otherwise...

What else do you want to know?

Cordially,

E. J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

E J Vaskas

November 7, 1962

Mr. Ed. J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vaskas:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 1962. I agree with you about the fact that the Oak Tree shilling matter should be exposed and I will write it up and send it in to the Numismatist. Your letter ended with the words "What else do you want to know?"

I believe, as a newspaperman, you will agree with me that I should know the names involved and I would like to know which English dealer was the purchaser of this material. My own feeling is that they have American origin and were sent to England to give them a foreign discovery flavor.

I would also like to know what you paid for the item and who the dealer was who pronounced them genuine. I will respect your wishes as to not disclosing the names of those which you believe should not be disclosed, for example, I know you would not wish to insult the dealer who pronounced the coin genuine, in America.

Do you know who the other collector is who bought one and what happened to the second one which was sent to you?

Also, please send me a copy of your column of August 4 so that I can give you the credit for bringing the matter to light.

Does the Boston Transcript file miss you? I presume you are going to make Mr. MacArthur's statement, namely, "I will Return".

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Nov. 9, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman;

I asked "what else do you want to know?" because I wasn't sure just how far you would go with this story. The details follow. Treat them well!!

The dealer who first obtained the three so-called Oak Tree shillings is Gordon White, 41, Fenton Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants, England. From the beginning he suspected they were electros.

His last letter on the subject stated he believed the lady he purchased the coins from was not a collector, and they had been left to her. She did not tell him where they came from and as far as he knew she has never advertised any coins previously, or since, so he thinks the three were all she had.

He also mentioned that his own view, like yours, is the coins were made in America. He couldn't see the British Museum, which used to make electros for students and others, [redacted] making any of these pieces.

Mr.White's asking price for the shillings was $30 each, the exact amount he paid for them, [redacted] He bought them as genuine but would not sell them as such. He did not tell me the name of the woman only that she was in London.

I obtained one piece to examine and use to illustrate my expose, but became so interested in this questionable specimen that I ordered another. The third had already been sold to another collector in this country, as an electro. I asked but he would not disclose the name of his customer.

As for the Boston Transcript files, I have been going to that blankety blank blank place <u>every</u> chance I get. The clerks now wave to me as I come through the door. But since I can only go there after work, about 3 p.m., I have but an hour or so to seek. My "vacation" was spent in bed with a virus, and I haven't even gotton all my storm windows up yet. Please be patient. I'm really trying to find the material but with four children, etc., extra time is not easy to come by. Cordially,

Ed Vadeas

To help you compare the two coins, I'm also sending back the one you already examined. I suppose it's possible one is genuine and the other its copy.

You might want to use the glossy along with your story (try to credit The Worcester Evening Gazette for it). It's a picture of the one Mr. Ford, Mr. Breen, Mr. Wormser, looked over, not the one you saw.

Shortly after receiving the first coin I ran an item about these fakes (clipping enclosed). As far as I know it was the first time they were publicly exposed as such, on August 4, 1962. Mr.White cooperated fully when I told him of my intentions to print the story.

But, then to double check, I mentioned the coin to Mr.Wormser at New Netherlands Coin Co., on August 11, stating I had a piece described to me as an electro of a 1652 Massachusetts Oak Tree Shilling, and asked if he wanted to examineit. Since he has been offering many shillings in his auctions I figured he might be interested. He asked to see the coin, and on Aug. 24 I sent it to him.This was not the one I mailed to you.

His reply, dated Sept. 5, is enclosed...Also my following letter of Sept. 18, and then Mr. Ford's epistle.

On Sept. 21 I wrote Mr. Clark enclosing some background information, but never heard from him, although Mr. Wormser wrote me on Oct. 9 thanking me for letting them photograph the coin, and returned it.

There the correspondence stands.

I am now also enclosing the second shilling for your examination, the one designated as genuine. Confirm or deny?

November 21, 1962

Mr. Henry Grunthal
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Henry:

I would like to have a picture of Noe 5 of the Oak Tree Coinage of Massachusetts for use in a publication. It could be the same one used in his monograph. Bill Clark had a notebook of pictures of Massachusetts silver coinage and this, no doubt, would enable you to locate it.

I would like to borrow the negative so that I can make an enlargement at the same time I am making enlargements of other pieces.

I would appreciate it if you, or Bill, could locate this negative for me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Nov.24,1962

Dear Mr. Newman;

Thank you for letting me see your preliminary draft. I'm quite sure most authors would have felt they couldn't waste their time sending out extra copies, or that no one could improve the work anyway.

It's for sure I can't improve on your article.

Although you asked for suggestions about the only thing I would presume to do is to point out an instance or two where my first-hand knowledge of the facts could help word a sentence just a bit more accurately.

Page 2 line 11, in brackets: Unless you have a reason for not mentioning that it was a dealer who purchased the coins in England, this line might be written "Three of these pieces were advertised in a British newspaper, along with an apparently genuine Mark Newby farthing, and sold through the mail to a dealer by someone described as an elderly lady from London."

The coins were not "brought into a shop." The dealer never saw the woman he corresponded with, making the deal through the mails. And, since nothing was ever mentioned about him having a shop, I can't be sure he doesn't work out of his rooms doing only mail order business.

I hope you don't mind me being what some might call picayunish but after almost 20 years of newspaper work it's gotten to be sort of a habit.

After all, why leave yourself open on some detail, which might not mean much to the item itself, but when picked on by a critic could be used in such a way as to detract attention from the important facts of the article.

Now, speaking strictly as a working newspaper man on the subject of readability, I think your lead to the story is just a bit too editorial-like for such an item.

Please don't misunderstand, Mr. Newman. The presentation is fine and I wouldn't want you to change it at all, just move it into the body instead of leading with it.

Look at it this way. The magazine subscriber is thumbing through his copy and spots the title, "A Dangerous Oak Tree Shilling Forgery Appears."

Now, all who collect colonials most likely will start reading, since it's their field. But wouldn't it be nice to get those "on the fence" people too? The ones who even though they don't collect the series, could become interested.

These are the readers you have to reach. The ones who don't know enough about colonials, who are most likely to get "sucked in" when an opportunity comes along for them to buy a "shilling" at a "bargain price."

These are the potential numismatists lost to the hobby when they discover they have been"taken".

Therefore,I would humbly suggest a more direct, hard-hitting lead sentence to attract them, such as you have on page 2. Mr. Bradfield or most any editor, might concur. Why not ask which lead would be preferable.

Then, when you have given the reader the facts, have gotten him interested in the subject, then you tell him the story.

Those first three paragraphs would go nicely inserted before your good closing line.

An interesting development, Mr. Newman. While going over your story last night, Evelyn (that's my wife's name also) was giving the baby its final bottle of the evening. I guess she noticed my concentration because she finally asked what was so important.

I told her a bit of the shilling story (she's not interested in coins, for collections) and when she asked about the pages I held, I read her your first paragraph.

I'm here to state she pegged the author as being in the field of either mathematics, or possibly engineering. She said it reminded her of math books she had read, in German. So when I mentioned you were MIT it didn't surprise her in the least.

You see, she has come in contact with many persons in these fields, since she once taught mathematics at MIT...

Cordially,

Ed Wackar

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK 32, NEW YORK

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Your number: ORDER DATE 11/27/62

Date: December 6, 1962

ERIC P. NEWMAN
EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

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11/29/62

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

November 29, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 21st with the request for a negative and print of the Oak Tree shilling Noe 5, Crosby 2-D. I went through the files Bill left here but I could not find the negative. I have therefore made out a photographic order for the coin in question. However, I am afraid there will be some delay since our photographer has been out due to illness. I do hope that I shall be able to send you this print and negative within ten days.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry Grunthal
Assistant to the Chief Curator

HG:rb

December 6, 1962

Mr. Henry Grunthal
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Henry:

If there is any possible way in which you can speed up the picture of Oak Tree shilling Noe 5, I would be grateful. It is very important to have this published in the Numismatist as I have written up a new dangerous forgery of it which they have agreed to publish as soon as the pictures arrive. I already have the pictures of the forgeries.

If you want to send me the cash I can take the picture. As an alternate, could you send me this page out of Bill Clark's notebook and then I can use these prints to make the cut and then return them.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

Ern/atb

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric,

Your letter of December 6th crossed our letter of the same date which contained the requested negative. I trust it has reached you by now.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry

Henry Grunthal

HG:rb

December 11, 1962

Dear Mr. Vaskas --

Submitted for your pleasure.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

December 27, 1962

Mr. E.J. Vaskas
The Evening Gazette
Worcester 1, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vaskas:

Now I need your cooperation more than ever. Two more of the Oak Tree shilling forgeries have shown up and had a recent European source. In addition, a silver St.Patrick farthing appears in the same group. It is entirely possible that the St.Patrick farthing is a forgery, also. Will you, therefore, do me a great favor and write to the dealer, in Europe, from whom you obtained the coins, and ask him if he could locate the newspaper advertisement offering the coins for sale and send a copy. There are complete newspaper files in many English libraries. He, no doubt, will remember the approximate date and the newspaper in which he read it.

I appreciate your corrections to my draft and they have been forwarded for incorporation.

I had planned to needle you about the Brasher matter but, because it is so close to the end of the year, I will wait until next year to do so.

We are now sleuths and you, my dear Watson, must track down the source of the forgeries.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Dec. 29,1962

Dear Mr. Newman;

Your letter recently received. My letter to England just sent, with request for newspaper advertisement as per your instructions, by airmail.

The above report is being made to alleviate any ~~your~~ worries and forestall possible chiding in the near future.

I hope you and yours spent a pleasant holiday season, and me and mine wish you good fortune throughout the coming year...

Cordially

Ed Tackae